

***REMARKS***

Claims 1 through 12 continue to be in the case.

Claims 1, 9, 11, 12 are being amended.

New claims 13 through 23 are being submitted.

The new claims are based as follows:

Claim:	Basis:
13	claim 1
14	claim 2
15	claim 3
16	claim 4
17	claim 5
18	claim 6
19	claim 7
20	claim 8
21	claim 9
22	claim 10
23	claim 12

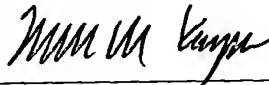
The present preliminary amendment is submitted in order to improve claim language and to eliminate multiple dependencies between claims.

Should be there any multiple dependent claims remaining, such remaining multiple dependent claims are to be deemed as canceled by the applicant.

Entry of the above-recited corrections prior to calculation of the fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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